Road, Rayagada, Joda, Nowrangpur and Talcher.

3. Replacement of 39 small Automatic exchanges by 128 port C-DOT electronic exchanges.

4. Replacement of Bhubaneshwar 200 line electro-mechanical telex by 500 lines electronic telex.

5. Notional telex at Angul, Dhenkanal and Koraput.

6. Expansion of digital Trunk Automatic Exchange (TAX) at Cuttack by 1000 lines.

7. Introduction of National and International subscriber Dialling at Koraput (completed), Bhadrak, (completed), Sunabeda, Jeypore (K), Phulbani, Sundergarh, Jharsuguda, Bargarh, Bolangir and Damanjode.

8. Satellite stations at Phoolbani and Bhawani Patna.

9. Digital Microwave links between Bolangir-Bargarh and Jeypore-Koraput.

10. Digital Ultra High Frequency (DHF) links between Bolangir-Titalagarh-Bhawani Patna, Phulbani-Sambalpur, Keonjhar-Rourkela, Sambalpur-Sundergarh, Balasore-Baripada, Koraput-Sunabeda, (completed) Koraput-Damanjodi.

11. Coaxial cable route between Sambalpur-Bargarh.

During Eighth Five Year Plan, it is proposed to automatise all manual exchanges and provide STD at all Sub-Divisional Headquarters and exchanges having a capacity of 500 lines or more.

Licence to N.R.I. for Industries in Orissa

4476. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of Non-Resident Indians who have applied for licences to start industries in Orissa; and

(b) what is the number of licences given to them so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Since the setting up of the Special Approval Committee (NRI) in November, 1983, a total of 7 industrial licence applications from the Non-Resident Indians were received upto 31-8-1988 for setting up industrial units in the State of Orissa, against which 4 letters of intent/ SIA Regns. have been issued to them.

Dibrugarh Telephone and Tele Exchanges

4477. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present installed capacity, actual number of working connections and number of perso ns

on the waiting lists in different categories of Dibrugarh Telephone Exchange as well as Dibrugarh Telex Exchange and by when the current waiting lists are likely to be cleared;

(b) whether Government plan to increase the capacity of the said Exchanges ; if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) what are the names of members of the Secondary Switching Area Telecom. Advisory Committee for Dibrugarh Division with details of interests represented and the period up to which this Committee would be functioning;

(d) what are the details of meetings of the said Committee held so far and the specific recommendations made by it; and

(e) by when the next issue of Telephone Directory for Dibrugarh Division is likely to be published?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH) : (a) The present installed capacity of Dibrugarh telephone exchange is 2000 lines. There are 1945 working connections and a waiting list of 710 as on 31-7-88 There are 576 applicants registered under General Category , 110 under Special and 24 under OYT category. Dibrugarh telex exchange has a capacity of 50 lines with 27 working connections and a waiting list of 4. The current waiting list of telephones is expected to be cleared by March, 1989 and that of telex by December, 1988.

(b) The telephone exchange is proposed to be expanded from 2000 to 3000 lines during the current financial year.

(c) The names of the members of the Telephone Advisory Committee and the interest they represent is given in the Statement (*See* below). The present committee will be functioning upto 30-9-89.

(d) The last meeting of the TAC was held on 12-4-88. The meeting proposed in July, 1988 could not be held because of rains. The following major points were discussed in the last meeting held on 12-4-1988.

1. Pursue the matter regarding improvement of STD service with the concerned authorities.

2. Connect Dibrugarh & Tinsukia exchanges to SPC TAX at Calcutta for better efficiency.

3. Increase the capacity of Makum exchange and augment the number of junctions.

4. Increase the capacity of Doomdooma exchange and provide STD facility there.

5. Convert Doomdooma exchange to electronic.

Necessary follow up action is being taken on above points taking into account technical feasibility and availability of resources.

(e) Next issue of telephone directory is expected to be available during the early part of 1989.

NAMES OF MEMBERS OF TELEPHONE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF DIBRUGARH (ASSAM)

S.No.	Interests represented	Name and Address
1.	*Members of Parliament* (1) :	Shri Hoten Bhumij, M.P. 63, South Avenue New Delhi.
2.	*State Legislature*, (2)	1. Shri Kusumbar Tairai (Gogai). 2. Shri Kul Bahadur Chetri.
3.	*State Government* (1)	Shri K.K. Hazarika, Addl. Dy. Commissioner, Dibrugarh.
4.	*Local Body* (1)	Shri Taranath Borgohain, Chairman, Municipal Board. Dibrugarh.
5.	*Local Trade Industry* (2)	1. Shri Ishwer Rash Bheria, Tinsukia. 2. Shri Raj Kumar Todi, Joint Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Dibrugarh.
6.	*Medical Profession* (1)	Dr. K.K. Gogoi, Dibrugarh.
7.	*All Other Professions* (1)	Mr. P.N. Singh, Advocate Rangagora Road, Tinsukia.
8.	*Representatives of General Consumers* (2)	1. Shri Swapan Dutta, Tinsukia 2. Shri Satya Narayan Gupta, Doom-Doma.

Postal Services in Assam and Meghalaya

4478. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of programmes pertaining to the developments/improvements in postal services in Assam and Meghalaya during 1986-87, 1987-88 and in the current year, so far;

(b) what are the names of the members of Postal Advisory Committee in Assam and Meghalaya with details of interests represented; and

(c) what is the number of meetings held so far by the Committee along with their recommendations made and implemented by the Postal Department ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH) : (a) The information is furnished in the annexed Statement I (*See* below).

(b) The information is furnished in the annexed Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.